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AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM DAMASCUS DTD 30 APR 1976 QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2671

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DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECRETARY FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANESE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

REF: STATE 104087 (BEIRUT 3827)

1. APRIL 30 MORNING NEW REPORTS THAT PLA FORCES UNDER SYRIAN SUPERVISION HAVE ENTERED BEIRUT AREA INDICATE SYRIA IS PRESSING TO ASSURE THAT MAY 1 PARLIAMENT MEETING TAKES PLACE AS SCHEDULED. OUR INTERVENTION TO SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT ON GROUNDS OF SAVING JUMBLATT'S FACE WOULD BE STRONGLY RESENTED HERE AND WOULD PLACE
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US IN SYRIAN EYES SQUARELY IN THE MIDDLE OF LEBANESE

ELECTION PROCESS. FOR THESE REASONS, PLUS FACT (PARA 4
REFTEL) THAT SARKIS HIMSELF INTENDS INFORM DAMASCUS OF
HIS CONVERSATION WITH JUMBLATT, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD STAY
OUT OF THIS PARTICULAR EXCHANGE.

2. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS AMMAN, BEIRUT, CAIRO AND
TEL AVIV.
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